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EQUAL SUFFRAGE.

Scores of Bright and Brainsy Wo-
men in Convention As-
sembled.

A Hearty Welcome by Decatur Ladies-
Entertainment—Remarks.

The twenty-second annual state con-
vention of the Illinois Equal Suffrage
Association is now in full swing in the
handsomely decorated assembly room
of the Woman's Club House, north
side Central Park, and in the convention
body are many bright and brainsy wo-
men who have been in the lead in the
battle for equal suffrage. They have
fought for the right to vote in munici-
pal affairs until because of the opposi-
tion on the liquor interest, feeling that
their cause is handicapped in that
course, they have taken a new tact, and
are now banded together in the effort to
obtain township suffrage, which if grant-
ed will not affect the license question.
The women adopted this plan of action
at the state convention held at Danville
a year ago, and this week the bill formu-
lated has been considered in the legisla-
ture. It was defeated in the Senate and
now the House will pass on the measure.
Yesterday many of the ladies at the con-
vention were at Springfield and were
given the use of Representative hall to
make their claims for their cause. They
arrived in Decatur last night highly
gratified with their experience at the
capital. They feel that light is breaking
and that ultimately they will be victo-
rious.

PUBLIC RECEPTION.

The delegates to the convention on
their arrival in Decatur last evening
were met at the trains by the reception
committees and escorted to the Arcade
Hotel, and later they repaired to the
Woman's Club House, where the formal
reception was held in the presence of a
large audience.

Mrs. Mary E. Holmes, of Chicago, the
president of the state association, pre-
sided. She is a lady of fine presence,
and possesses ideal executive ability.
She has a class of 200 pupils at Dr. Gun-
sauls' church in Chicago, and she is
identified with many noble enterprises
for the good of humanity.

Mrs. Eugenia M. Bacon, the president
of the state association, presided. She
is a lady of fine presence, and pos-
sesses ideal executive ability. She has
a class of 200 pupils at Dr. Gunsauls' church
in Chicago, and she is identified with
many noble enterprises for the good of
humanity.

Mrs. A. C. Foulke, president, gave the
welcome on behalf of the Decatur

Equal Suffrage Association, which has
a membership of 52. The welcome was
thoroughly cordial. She said that men
and women were created equal and
that the battle for equality was nearly
won.

Mrs. Sallie Harwood welcomed the
delegates in a beautiful address on be-
half of the Woman's Relief Corps, of
which she is president. The lady ex-
tended the G. A. R. and the W. R. C. and
stated what the Decatur women had
done at the polls at the school elections.

Rev. R. G. Hobbs next welcomed the
delegates on behalf of the ministers of
Decatur. When Mr. Hobbs was called
upon he was in the north end of the hall,
and he brought forth a burst of laugh-
ter by saying: "May I speak from this
end of the hall? I'm only a man, you
know, and I—"

The responses were by delegates to
the convention.

Rev. Celia Parker Wooley, a regularly
ordained minister of the Universalist
church, responded to the addresses of
welcome on behalf of the Woman's Club
and the Decatur ministers. She spoke
first of the work of women's clubs. In-
cidental to this she gave a short sketch
of the life of Margaret Fuller, of Rox-
bury, who was the first worker of promi-
nence in this line. She then spoke of
women's clubs and of her desire to see
them grow larger and multiply in num-
bers.

Hon. M. B. Castle of Sandwich, Ill.,
chairman of the executive committee of
the Equal Suffrage Association and
editor of the *State Suffragist*, also a
banker for 39 years, next made a short
speech. He thanked all for their kind
welcome and then spoke on the general
topic of the evening—equal suffrage.
He eulogized the women of the past,
present and future, and said that always
the milestones of the world's progress
had been the milestones of woman's
progress, and that it will be in the fu-
ture as it has in the past.

Mrs. Emma Smith De Voe made the
last address of the evening. She is a
member of the W. R. C., and responded
to Mrs. Harwood's address of welcome.
She said for Decatur to have no fear for
their city, for the association would
promise to act no worse than did the
Indiana legislature at the closing of its
session. She then spoke of there being
no angels mentioned in the Bible as
being women, and followed this by say-
ing that the women would let the men be
the angels, but the women would vote,
adding that the exchange would not be
robbery. She followed with an appeal
for equal suffrage and closed her address
amid great applause.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11—MORNING SESSION.

The convention assembled at 9:30, but
the delegates were a little slow in reach-
ing the hall. It was some minutes past
the hour when Rev. A. W. Hawkins
stepped on the platform to open the ses-
sion with prayer. Mrs. Mary E. Holmes
announced that Mrs. Eva Munson
Smith, of Springfield, had been selected
to lead the singing. A number of leaf-
lets containing songs composed by Mrs.
Smith for the occasion were distributed,
and the audience joined heartily. Mrs.
Frank Hubbard, of Chicago, was elected
assistant secretary, and the convention
settled down to business. The next
step was the appointment of committees,
and Mrs. Foulke, of Decatur, and
Mrs. Denmore, of Chicago, were se-
lected to look after credentials. Mrs.
Leach, of Kinderhook, read an
interesting paper on the distribu-
tion of literature. Thousands of
copies of suffragist papers and leaflets
have been sown broadcast throughout
the state. The report was accepted.

A telegram was received from the
Adams county W. C. T. U. convention,
saying that the message was ac-
cepted and the secretary was instructed
to answer.

The report of Mrs. S. A. Giddings, of
Danville, on fair work was read by the
secretary, as was the report on suffrage
contests by Mrs. Carrie Ashton Johnson,
of Rockford.

The report of the press superintend-
ent, Mrs. Julia Mills Dunn, of Moline,
was read by the secretary. The lady
had devoted her energies largely to the
syndicate publishers and a great deal of
matter has been prepared and published
through these agencies.

The parlor meetings conducted by
Mrs. C. Eastman, of Chicago, were de-
scribed by Mrs. McCulloch, of Chicago,
who, by the way, is an able and eloquent
attorney, well known to the bar of the
big city.

At this point it was moved that the
visitors, ladies and gentlemen, be allowed
the privilege of the convention. This
harmless little resolution provoked a
heated discussion in which half a dozen
members participated and talked just
like the horrid men, and succeeded in
becoming entangled in a maze of
resolutions, after the fashion of the
aforementioned. It finally developed that
Mrs. McCulloch's legal mind had de-
tected the fact that if the visitors were
not given the freedom of the floor they
would in all probability purchase mem-
bership cards, and thus become full
fledged members of the association.
After much discussion it was decided by
vote that visitors should be allowed to
serve on committees and participate in
discussions, but should not be allowed
to vote on any question. At this jun-

ture the convention fell into a tangle
but were unraveled by Mrs. McCulloch,
who finally succeeded in forming the
delegates into groups, by districts.

The next step in the program was the
report of Hon. M. B. Castle, of Sand-
wich, chairman of the executive com-
mittee. The report noted the accession
of new workers, and mentioned the
cheering progress of the suffrage move-
ment in Illinois and adjoining states.
The gentleman made the point that the
presence of ladies at the polls would ex-
ercise an elevating influence in politics.
He noted and instanced facts where girls
had been sold by their parents for mon-
etary considerations, and the law had
never interfered. In answer to the in-
quiry, he stated the practice was not an
common among Poles, Russians and
Italians, and that these persons were
allowed the right of suffrage, which
right was denied the women of
intelligence and high character.
One reason of municipal misrule is be-
cause the best men refuse to vote or
take part in the elections. A movement
by good, true women will force the men
who are lax in their political duties to
pay more attention thereto, and thus
many municipal evils will be corrected.

The report was followed by an address
by Mrs. Holmes, which she designated
as her annual report. The address was
earnest, practical, and to the point, and
clearly outlined the work before the so-
ciety for the coming year.

Mrs. M. F. Long, of Barry, treasurer
of the association, read her annual
report, showing a comfortable balance in
the strong box. Mrs. Holmes reported
collections for lecture fund, and
Mrs. McCulloch reported expenses
arising from work and at-
tendance at the Republican and
Democratic conventions, attendance at
legislative meetings and work with
county committees and politicians
whose influence was needed. The re-
port was accepted, showing that Mrs.
McCulloch had advanced a large sum
from her own means, and she was voted
\$47 from the treasury, and a voluntary
contribution of \$1.00 from each member
present was voted and given.

LECTURE TO-NIGHT.

This program will be observed at the
open meeting to be held to-night at the
Congregational church:

Musical Division W. C.
Address Mrs. Celia Parker Wooley, Geneva
Music Musical Division W. C.
Address Mrs. Marion Foster Washburne, Chicago
Reading Mrs. Alma Morgan Kinney

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

This afternoon the following com-
mittees were appointed and put at work:
Resolutions—Hon. M. B. Castle, Mrs.
Evaid, Mrs. Kate Hughes, Miss Celia
Hedberg and Mrs. Julia Shriver.
Plan of Work—Mrs. Emma Smith De-

Voe, Mrs. Metzger, Mrs. Marion Foster
Washburne

Nominations—Mrs. E. V. Eddy, Mrs.
McCulloch, Mrs. Eva Munson Smith,
Mrs. D. Moore, Mrs. Wing, Mrs. C. C.
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PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. F. P. Wells is in Taylorville on a
visit.

Mrs. Will Bell, of Peoria, is the guest
of Mrs. W. H. Ferguson.

Mrs. C. M. Atterbury returned today
from a visit with relatives in Chicago.

E. R. Frazier came home last evening
after a business trip through Indiana.

Mrs. Anor, wife of Rev. Auer of
Georgetown, is the guest of J. C. Mark
and family.

Mrs. C. B. Turner has been quite ill
at her home in Springfield, but is now
improving.

Mrs. W. W. Mason returned yesterday
from a ten days' visit in Taylorville with
friends.

Henry Roberts returned yesterday
from the Shiloh trip. He went down
with the band.

H. G. McCarthy went to Argenta yes-
terday to take a position in Caldwell &
Glick's carriage shop.

Dr. Samuel Shaw returned to Taylor-
ville yesterday after a visit in Decatur
with his daughter, Mrs. Charles Shaling.

Mrs. William Dodson has returned
from Clinton, where she visited her sis-
ter, Mrs. Custer, who has been ill. She
is better.

Mrs. Ed. Starr and her sister, Miss
Cora James, went to Effingham yester-
day, where they will visit friends for two
weeks.

Charles A. Ewing, who has been in
Decatur for a week to visit his mother,
left last evening for a business trip
through Missouri.

Captain W. W. Foster, who has been
traveling through the east in the interest
of Gladstone's Celery Pepsin Compound
Tonic, is at home for a brief stay.

Supervisor H. F. May, who has been
seriously ill, is able to be out again.
His many friends will be gratified to
learn that he has conquered his trouble.

Miss Ella Hutchins is now in New Or-
leans, and will go from there to Galveston,
Texas. She is traveling with her
sister, who is an elocutionist, for a few
weeks.

Mrs. E. F. Pannell, who has been in
the city visiting her parents, M. and
Mrs. C. E. Osborne, will leave this morn-
ing for her home in Chicago.

Rev. W. H. Penhalligon, Mrs. J. W.
Shultz and Mrs. B. G. Wells came here
last night from Springfield, where they
attended the Springfield Presbytery.

Mrs. Milton Johnson came home last
night from Waukegan, Wis., to see her
city, she was called by the illness of her
parents, who were, however, much im-
proved in health when she started home.

Mr. A. D. Martin, advance representa-
tive of the Peace Sisters, was in the city
today, en route to Cayuga, Ind., to make
arrangements for the appearance of the
Sisters in that city April 16. The com-
pany has been laying off the past week
on account of the illness of Miss
Pease. They will close the season the
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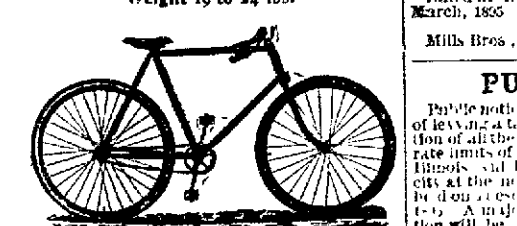
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JAPAN'S CONDITIONS

With a Single Exception Agreed to by Li Hung Chang.

A SPEEDY PROCLAMATION OF PEACE

Believed by Diplomats in Washington to be Certain—The Conditions Accepted and the One Yet Under Consideration.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—The cable announcement that seven of Japan's eight conditions had been accepted by Peace Commissioner Li Hung Chang is very gratifying to diplomats here, who have no longer any doubt that a peace proclamation will speedily result. As understood in Washington, the eight conditions were as follows:

1. Independence of Korea.
2. Cession of Formosa.
3. Cession of Liao-Tung promontory, including Port Arthur.
4. War indemnity.
5. Admission of machinery into China and permission to foreigners to establish factories.
6. Modification of likin tax, and extension of the system of transit passes for imports.
7. Opening certain Chinese rivers to commerce: including the Yang-Tse-Kiang to Chung King; the Siang from Hankow on the Yang-Tse-Kiang; the Kin Tong river to Ouchow, and the Wusung and its canals as far as Su-chow and Hangchow.
8. Railway privileges and similar concessions to Japanese and foreign capitalists.

In addition to these conditions it is believed that certain promises have been or will be exacted from China, which are to remain secret.

The condition which it is thought has not yet been accepted by Li Hung Chang is that numbered three above, providing for the occupation of a portion of the territory known as the Regent's Sword and the citadel of Port Arthur. That this would be most strenuously opposed by China has all along been undoubted, and it has been predicted that it might prove a stumbling block of such dimensions as to prevent peace, unless some compromise could be agreed upon as to the length of the occupation, the Chinese being likely to insist that it should not be permanent.

All the other conditions except those of indemnity have been the subject of diplomatic consideration for many years, and all the treaty powers are as deeply interested in them as Japan herself. The United States had been particularly active in urging the abolition of the likin tax, which is not unlike the octroi of France, though less reasonable and less limited than the French system. The independence of Korea has always been a contention, and the United States has firmly maintained that Korea was to be treated as an independent nation since her minister at Washington was recognized ten years ago.

A BLESSING IN DISGUISE.

Li Hung Chang Thinks the Defeat of China Will Advance the Cause of Civilization.

VANCOUVER, April 11.—Japan advises state that there is much fear that Japan will be afflicted with an epidemic of cholera, as the disease has already made its appearance at Munkia, a town at the entrance to the inland sea, whence large quantities of coal are exported, but has not thus far succeeded in spreading. It has shown itself also in some of the transports, although happily not when troops were on board.

From September 21 to March 8 the Japanese casualties in the war with China were: Killed in battle, 542; died of wounds, 131; died of sickness, 981, making a total of 1,654. Very marked is the contrast between these figures and the record of casualties in the rebellion of 1877, when 12,000 men were wounded and 4,653 killed on the government side.

The victory, as he lies wounded at Shimonoseki, has engaged in some reflections that show the character of the man's mind. In conversation with those about him he frankly admits the weakness displayed by China and expresses regret for it for her sake, but at the same time he thinks that the defeat of China will advance the cause of civilization in the east and is, therefore, not altogether to be regretted.

THE INCOME TAX LAW

To be Further Tested in the United States Courts.

NEW YORK, April 11.—It was announced yesterday afternoon that the income tax would again be tested in the United States court in a suit brought by Charles Allen against the Illinois Central Railroad Co., in which it is asked that the railroad be restrained from paying the income tax on the ground that \$4,000 exemption is unconstitutional. Mr. Allen lives in Greenfield, Mass., and the suit is brought in the United States court of this district.

Allen is supposed to represent some big opponents of the tax, inasmuch as he owns only five shares of the railroad stock. The suit will be conducted by Seward, Guthrie, Morawitz & Steele, with Joseph H. Choate as associate counsel.

Allen alleges that his income from the railroad stock is less than \$4,000, and says that his income will be reduced considerably if the tax is paid.

To Investigate the Circumstances of Maceo's Sailing.

NASSAU, N. P., April 11.—The British war ship Mohawk has sailed for Fortune Island, whence cleared the schooner leader, Maceo, on the Cuban coast. The orders of the commander of the Mohawk are to thoroughly investigate the circumstances of Maceo's sailing.

THE REBELLION IN COLOMBIA

Officially Declared to be at an End and Commerce Resumed.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Official cable advices from the Colombian government yesterday announced the complete subjection of the rebellion and the restoration of a normal condition of peace in all the departments of the confederation. Sporadic cases of guerrilla attacks in the mountain districts are still to be expected, and statements of these may reach the coast in a highly exaggerated condition leading to reports of engagements or even battles, but the telegraph lines are again in operation, and commerce and business have been resumed throughout the country.

Gen. Julio Rengifo, who was charged with the restoration of the revolution, commenced, and whose volunteered services were accepted by cable rendered effective service during the troubles, and has been promoted to the highest diplomatic rank.

BOODLE ORDINANCES

Repeated by a Large Majority—Sure to Meet the Approval of the Mayor.

CHICAGO, April 11.—At a meeting of the new common council last night the alleged "boodle" ordinances, the O'Brien Gas, Cosmopolitan Electric and Commercial Heat, Light and Power, were repealed by virtue of the large republican majority, the vote being 45 to 13. Mayor Swift will approve the repealing ordinances.

The mayor also sent to the council the following appointments: Ex-Alderman William D. Dent, commissioner of public works; J. J. Badenoch, election commissioner at present, to be chief of police; Samuel B. Raymond, oil inspector, and W. H. Tatgen, prosecuting attorney.

A PLUCKY GIRL.

Who Did Not Propose to Miss an Opportunity to Secure a Husband.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., April 11.—In the breach of promise case of Mary Corbin against William Todd held Tuesday the defendant offered to compromise by marrying the plaintiff, when it developed that she was not of age; neither did she have the consent of her parents.

Not to be outdone, she promised to get the consent if the order was held until she went home and back. The judge assented, and starting Tuesday evening she walked all night to Volcano and back, thirty miles, reaching here at daylight yesterday with the proper paper. The couple were then married.

BOOT AND SHOE WORKERS

Meet in Boston to Form a United Association.

BOSTON, April 11.—One hundred and thirty-six delegates, representing nearly every city and town in the shoe industry in the United States, met in convention here yesterday for the purpose, if possible, of taking such measures as will result in united action of the workers in the American shoe industry. Among those represented are the Lasters' Protective Union of America; Boot and Shoe Workers' International union; District Assembly 216, K. of L.; Amalgamated Boot and Shoe Workers' union of St. Louis; United Turn Workmen's Brotherhood of America, and Boot and Shoe unions of Illinois.

CUBAN INDEPENDENCE

To be Declared To-Day and a Republic to be Formed and Ask Recognition of the United States.

NEW YORK, April 11.—A special to the Recorder from Washington says that the Cuban revolutionists will today (Thursday) formally announce the independence of the island and establish a republic; will proclaim a constitution, name their officers and ask the recognition first, of the United States and then of other nations.

The Cuban Insurrection General Throughout the Island.

NEW YORK, April 11.—The war line steamer Seneca arrived yesterday morning from Mexican ports and Havana. It was learned that while nothing official had been heard of the progress of the Cuban insurrection, the uprising was general throughout the island, and was gaining ground daily. Everything is at high tension among the people, and the insurgents have more sympathizers than the authorities are willing to admit.

Made Good the Deficit.

CHICAGO, April 11.—Pat C. Crane, the teller in the money order division of the Chicago post office, who was arrested Tuesday on the charge of embezzling \$1,000 of the government funds, made good the amount yesterday. The shortage was discovered because a substitute was put in place of Crane, who was ill. Crane claimed to have the money in a bank, but was not allowed to get it.

Going to the Bottom of the Affair.

LONDON, April 10.—The Daily News correspondent in Berlin says Leberecht von Kottke is determined to get to the bottom of the anonymous letter scandal. He is trying to ascertain the name of the real manufacturer as well as those of the persons who first laid the suspicion at his door. It is understood that he has three duels impending.

Drifted Ashore After Lying One Year at the Bottom.

DUNKIRK, N. Y., April 11.—The steamer Dean Richmond, which went down off this port over a year ago with eighteen souls, drifted ashore Tuesday night. Coroner Blood, who believes that the seven bodies yet unaccounted for will be found in the hulk of the vessel, is investigating.

Jealousy's Victim.

NEWARK, N. J., April 11.—Joseph Buck, a boarder, shot and killed Tessie Williams in a house at Magazine and Komon streets at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He afterward turned the revolver on himself and fired, dying almost instantly. Jealousy is supposed to have been the motive for the murder and suicide.

THE KUKLUX KLAN.

Murderous Methods of Georgia Moonshiners.

ANEX-MEMBER ON THE WITNESS STAND

How Henry Worley, an Internal Revenue Spy, was Done to Death—His Death was Decried at a Meeting of the Kuklux.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 11.—The government brought out some indirect evidence yesterday, in the trial of John Quarles and Davis Butler, charged with conspiracy to hang Henry Worley, an internal revenue spy.

Harris Bramlett, one of the gang of kuklux which hanged Worley and afterwards shot him dead, described from the witness stand the details of both the hanging and the shooting.

Justice Nix and H. C. Hamilton testified for the government and strengthened the prosecution's case.

It was stated by one of the witnesses that the kuklux or whitecap organization of Murray, Gordon and adjoining counties numbers 900 members. The organization has intimidated the courts and maintained a reign of terror in three mountain counties for four years.

Bramlett's testimony was the feature of the day. He began by giving the names of those who were present.

"Where did the crowd meet the night of the Worley hanging?" asked Assistant District Attorney Rucker.

"At Jim McIntyre's sawmill. When we got to Henry Worley's house," he continued, "we pushed the door open, tied him, put him on a mule and took him to Bloodtown. I was behind."

Mrs. Worley, the old lady, who is about 65, came out of the house and we passed and said something which I could not hear. It was on a dark road in a mountain gorge."

"Worley was put on Jim McIntyre's mule. He was driven under a tree, a leather line tied about his neck, the mule driven from under him, and he was left dangling, but slipped the line off and ran away. He was fired at, but escaped. John Quarles was there. His mule fell down with him."

"This was the ugliest bit of evidence yet introduced against the defendants."

"Mr. Bramlett, do you know of any searches," asked the counsel, "that were made for Worley?"

"Yes, sir; four or five days before the hanging a party was looking for Worley. They said he had gone down the river. The purpose of this meeting was to kill Worley for reporting McIntyre's and other stills. Jim McIntyre reported that Worley had reported stills." The witness spoke of two clubs of whitecaps, one at the ball ground, of which Butler was captain.

"If they whipped a man they claimed it was for something else, so that it would not get into the United States courts," said Bramlett.

"There was another meeting afterward," continued Bramlett, "in which it was decided that Worley was to be hanged for reporting McIntyre's, Thornton's, Hyde's and Terry's stills. At this meeting Quarles was seen with a pair of leather lines that day, and said that Worley was with him drinking and had been at home. Worley's sweating against Higgins and Dalton was also discussed at this meeting. Henry Worley was hanged for reporting."

On cross-examination he said he was with the party that killed Henry Worley. "I did not kill him," said the witness, "but I was with the crowd that killed him. I went with them, but I did not kill him. I belonged to the Kuklux for sixteen months, but I was not sworn in this last time. I never went with them except on little raids."

"How is it you are free; you who helped to kill Henry Worley?"

"I promised Mr. James, the United States district attorney, I would come down here and tell the truth."

"Were either of these defendants at the shooting of Henry Worley?" asked Col. Glenn, counsel for the defense.

"No, sir," responded the witness.

Col. Glenn asked various questions going to show that the witness was induced to testify in the Worley case because he feared the consequences of a prosecution of himself.

"I closed the trade with the government with Col. James," said the witness. "I was to go scott free of the charge of murdering Henry Worley if I came down here and told the truth."

"Wasn't that a large inducement to you?" asked Col. Glenn.

"Wouldn't it be to you?" replied the witness.

"I think it would," replied the lawyer.

"Did you ever make up your mind to kill a man for reporting a still?" asked the lawyer.

"Yes, sir; I went to Henry Worley's field to assassinate him for reporting those stills," admitted the witness calmly.

"And you are free?"

"I don't know whether I am or not."

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

—Cremation services have been officially declared by masonic authority not to be Christian burial.

—Oil took another jump of 5 cents yesterday, and prices were quoted as follows: North Lima, 77½; South Lima, 73½; Indiana, 70.

—Mrs. Pauline Ellwanger, who moved to Cedar Lake, Ind., from Chicago, has been murdered, and her husband is suspected.

—The emperor of Germany has confirmed the finding of the court-martial acquitting Leberecht Von Kottke of charges of writing scandalous letters.

—Manager Favorite of P. D. Armour & Co. says the statement that a pool has been formed by the big western packers to advance the price of beef is absurd.

—A dispatch from Simonoseki says Li Hung Chang has completely recovered from his injury, and personally resumed negotiations with the Japanese plenipotentiaries yesterday.

—A dispatch from Shanghai says the British steamer Yaksang, which was seized by the Japanese near Taku, while conveying a large quantity of cartridges, has been taken to Port Arthur.

—Mr. William Court Golly, liberal, was elected speaker of the British house of commons yesterday to succeed Rt. Hon. Arthur Wellesley Peel, resigned, by a vote of 285 to 274 for Sir Matthew Ridley.

—The jury in the Anna Dickinson damage case at Scranton, Pa., was yesterday discharged, being unable to agree. It is reported that they stood eight in favor of giving Miss Dickinson damages and four against.

—The entire lower portion of the large plant of the Susquehanna Iron Co. at Columbia, Pa., was destroyed by fire at an early hour yesterday morning. Loss, \$100,000; covered by insurance. The mill employed 250 men.

—It is understood from unquestioned sources that the treaty between Great Britain and the United States under which a settlement may be had of the claims of the Canadian sealers against this country, will not be formulated before next autumn.

—Rains and melting snow in the mountains have caused a big rise of New Hampshire waters, and in consequence many hundreds of acres of interval land are under water. Ice also is breaking up, and rendering bridges unsafe for travel.

—A special cablegram from Panama says: News has been brought by the gunboat Bogaca that order has been restored in Cauca and Telima. The rebels are losing heart. It is certain that the revolution has met its death blow through the operations of Gen. Reges in Cauca.

—James Matthew Aubrey, Jr., Tuesday filed his answer to the divorce bill of Mrs. Pauline Aubrey, daughter of Chief Justice Fuller of the United States supreme court. He admits the single charge in the bill—excessive indulgence in intoxicants.

—Treasury officials, in the absence of the full text of the supreme court decision on the income-tax law, are still groping in the dark as to its exact meaning, and have, therefore, been unable to send out supplemental instructions to collectors as to how the law that still remains shall be carried out.

—Dr. Robert Buchanan, the wife murderer in Sing Sing, N. Y., sentenced to be electrocuted April 22, has engaged new counsel and will make a last, bitter struggle for his life. An appeal to the supreme court failing the British minister will be asked to intercede in behalf of the condemned man, who is said to be a British subject.

A GO-AS-YOU-PLEASE RACE.

Excursion Rates to Hold the Boards on the Western Lines.

CHICAGO, April 11.—Yesterday's meeting of the western lines was disappointing inasmuch as no action was taken to stop the running of home-seekers' excursions—the purpose for which the meeting was called. This amounts to a tacit permission to those roads that wish to do so to run any kind of an excursion to almost any point at almost any price. When the scalpers get hold of the return end of the ticket the result is likely to be a great demoralization of rates.

While the record shows that nothing was done in regard to the Rock Islands' notice that it would meet all competition wherever found, the matter was extensively discussed. Many of the passenger agents agreed that the situation was very bad, but were unwilling to make the proper concessions to stop it, so the next month promises to be a go-as-you-please, with every line taking all the business in sight at such a tariff as it sees fit, without the slightest reference to the rights of other lines in the premises.

Fired His Cigar Factory and Surrendered to the Authorities.

LANCASTER, Pa., April 11.—The large frame cigar factory of Henry L. Stehman, of Rohrestown, was destroyed by fire early yesterday morning. Later Stehman surrendered himself to the authorities here and acknowledged that he had set the place on fire and wanted to be locked up. He was committed to jail. The man is undoubtedly insane. The loss is about \$7,500. Stehman is a son of ex-State Senator John H. Stehman.

Forty Men Killed by a Magazine Explosion.

LONDON, April 11.—The Central News correspondent in Shanghai says that during the practice firing in the Woo Sang forts yesterday a magazine accidentally exploded. Forty men were killed and many more injured.

Fixed the Date of Execution.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., April 11.—Judge Casteel yesterday refused to grant a new trial to Thomas Pamson, convicted of murdering his wife January 5, 1894, and fixed the date of execution at May 23.

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50 pounds Davenport Milling Co.....	90c	6 bars Ivory	10c
New York Burbank Potatoes.....	25c	Good Lemons	10c
6 pounds Hand Picked Beans.....	25c	Good Oranges	10c
15 pound Bucket Jelly, all kinds.....	25c	Peanuts per	10c
Rolls Oats, per pound.....	25c	Kingman Ham	10c
Corn per can (good).....	25c	Kingman Pies	10c
Corn per can (better).....	25c	Kingman Buns	10c
Best Tomatoes.....	25c	Kingman Coffee	10c
3 bars Butter Milk Soap.....	25c	Leaf Lard, per pound.....	25c
Arbuckle's, Lion and XXXX Coffee.....	25c	Good Lard, 3 pounds.....	25c
Leaf Lard, per pound.....	25c	3 pound bucket Cottofine.....	25c
Good Lard, 3 pounds.....	25c	Fresh Dec. Crackers.....	25c
3 pound bucket Cottofine.....	25c	Country Butter.....	25c
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New York Barback Potatoes	30c	6 bars Ivory Soap	25c
6 pounds Hand Picked Beans	25c	Apples per peck	40c
Roller Oats, per pound	25c	Good Lemons per dozen	15c
15 pound Bucket Jelly, all kinds	35c	Good Oranges per dozen	10c
Corn per can (good)	05c	Peanuts per sack	01c
Corn per can (better)	08c	Kingman Hams per pound	12c
Best Tomatoes	08c	Kingman Picnic Hams per pound	8c
3 bars Butter Milk Soap	08c	A Good Breakfast Bacon per pound	12c
Abuckley's Lion and XXXX Coffee	22c	Kingman Best Bacon per pound	12c
100 lb. 3 pounds	10c	Eagle Milk per can	15c
Good Lard, 3 pounds	25c	Evaporated Cream per can	14c
15 pound Bucket Cottonline	25c	Old Sardines per can	05c
Fresh Dec Crackers	05c	Mustard per can, 10c-3 for	25c
Country Butter	15c	Bread, 2 loaves for	05c
Best Dec Crackers 4 pounds	25c	4 pounds Apple Butter	25c
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Hank Doggett Has Never Been in a Barber Shop.

A Hermit Giant of Retiring Disposition Whose Hair Reaches Half-Way Down His Back—The Romance of His Life.

Hank Doggett lives about six miles northwest of Greensburg, Ind., on the banks of Clifty creek and in a little log hut which is surrounded by a dense growth of timber. He is a very peculiar sort of a man and has always been considered by everybody in that neighborhood as a great curiosity. He is exceedingly tall, six feet five inches, and when walking about the children in the neighborhood keep clear of him, as they consider him "something awful." His straight, coal-black hair is very long, hanging over his shoulders and reaching halfway down his back. It has not been cut for over twenty years, and he has not shaved for thirty years. He informed the Chicago Tribune correspondent that he had never been in a barber shop in his life. He is about sixty years old, and is as stout and healthy as any man of younger age.

Mr. Doggett was never married and has been living the secluded life of a hermit in this lonely and dismal place for thirty years or more. His love-story is a sad and interesting one. When a young man he won the heart of a pretty Maggie Johnson, and they were engaged to be married. While they were on their way to the preacher's the horses became frightened, ran off, upset the buggy, throwing Maggie out and leaving her head striking a rock and killing her instantly. Since that day he has been a quiet man and secluded from the world.

He owns a patch of ground in which there are probably twenty acres, which he cultivates himself, notwithstanding his old age. His only help in farming is a voice of own, and his implements are a lot of antediluvian make. In the working season he goes to work regularly at sunrise and comes in at regularity at sunset, allowing neither his own cooking. Some fifteen years ago a woman by the name of Martha Scudder was brought to his home to cook and "keep house" for him for her board and clothes. Furniture in the house is very scant. A homemade



THE GIANT HERMIT AT HOME.

table, a single homemade bedstead, and two shuck-bottom chairs comprise the list.

Doggett has a great love for animals. He is the owner of about seventy hounds with which he takes great delight in hunting during his idle hours. He also has two goats, a male and female, which are great curiosities with themselves. The male, which is usually the larger, is but a dwarf, being only fourteen inches high, and he has surely got his growth, for Doggett says they are both the same age, being twenty years old or over. The female is unusually large, being forty-two inches high and weighing over two hundred pounds. He keeps them not only for the sake of mere pets, for they are a source of much wealth to the owner. He owns no cow, and does not care to, he says, for the female goat furnishes enough milk for their use.

Doggett is very fond of rats, and the place is literally covered with them. One can hardly walk through the house or barn without tramping on one, for they are so numerous and so everywhere. Although he has some thirty or forty cats, neither they nor the dogs are allowed to touch the rats, only in play. But Doggett despises mice, and as soon as a mouse makes an appearance he is immediately set upon by a dog or cat or one of the numerous rats.

Doggett takes no papers and never even read a paper in his life, although he can read and write fairly well. He has no printed matter of any kind about the house, not even almanacs. He doesn't keep the run of the days of the week nor of the month, for he doesn't care to, as he works the same Sundays as week days. He goes to town only on election days, and wouldn't go to town were he not terrified by his party. But despite all this he keeps well posted on the political issues and can talk entertainingly on the question for hours. He is well versed in Scripture and his qualifications on law are by no means limited. He will discuss these subjects with his visitors and delights in talking of his many different kinds of pets.

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SKUNK CATCHING IN MAINE.

An Easy Way of Catching the Odoriferous Animal.

"While I was up in Maine, looking after my stumpage," said a timber land investor to a New York Sun man, "I saw a hunter capture a den of skunks at one lick, and the ease and safety with which he did it rather astonished me. You'd naturally think, as I did before I saw it done, that it would be an unpleasant and odoriferous job, but it proved to be nothing of the sort. I was out in the woods one afternoon, not far from the open farming country, looking up an old blazed range line, when along came a man on snowshoes, whom I recognized as Remick, a hunter and trapper living in the vicinity. We passed a few words together, and I asked him what brought him out into the woods without a gun.

"I'm after skunks," he answered. "There's a nest of 'em over the hill yonder."



LIFTING THE POLE INTO THE AIR.

der that I found when I was fox hunting last week, and I've come to-day to get 'em."

"Could I go along with him?" Of course. There was nothing unpleasant to be apprehended if I merely looked on, but accidents would sometimes happen, and people at my hotel were to be considered, so I'd better not run the risk of taking an active part in the proceedings. And with that understanding we padded away in our snow shoes to find out if the skunks were at home.

"Their den was a hole under the roots of a birch tree, with many tracks about it in the snow, and it led down into darkness somewhere under a big rock. Remick with his pocketknife cut and trimmed a slender pole, leaving at the smaller end some slightly projecting stumps of branches. He also cut a short club. He pushed the smaller end of the pole down into the burrow, twisted and turned it about and then withdrew it, hand over hand. A noise of scratching was heard in the darkness, and a white bushy tail, its long hair twisted in the end of the pole, appeared at the surface, followed by the rest of a clawing, struggling skunk, who highly resented being dragged out in this manner, but couldn't in any way help himself. Lifting the pole instantly by its tail, Remick dispatched the animal with a single blow of the club upon its head.

"A skunk can't work his natural wiles against you as long as he holds him by the tail," the hunter explained, as he sounded for another victim.

"Skunk after skunk was pulled out of the burrow and killed, and it seemed as if there was no limit to the number inside. When the last one finally was taken from the hole and the black and white animals were stretched out on the snow to be counted they were found to be nine in number. The hunter tied them all by the neck to a stout cord and dragged them along over the snow behind him."

SHE OPENED COURT.
Little Bess Thought the Judge Was Superstitious Anyhow.

An incident occurred at the trial of the Barber will case in the Hartford (Conn.) superior court which is a little

"O YETH, O YETH, O YETH!"

out of the ordinary course of court proceedings. The jurors had come in at the afternoon session and taken their seats, but Judge Hall was a few minutes late. Bessie Barber, one of the testator's bright little daughters, who has been a constant and an observing spectator during the six weeks' trial of the case, noticed the delay, and, becoming a little impatient, finally ran over and climbed up into the sheriff's chair, reached over for the gavel, and brought it down with a whack, at the same time speaking out in her sweet little voice: "O yeth, O yeth, O yeth!"

Myrtle, Bessie's little sister, thereupon started in quest of the tardy lawyers, and meeting one of them coming in at the door said: "Hurry up, Bessie has just opened court."

Bessie, not satisfied with opening court, later in the afternoon, during the recess, made her way around into the witness stand, and, raising her right hand, stood there, her bright eyes appearing just above the level of the railing.

"What are you doing there, Bessie?" asked one of the counsel for the contestants, bending over her.

"I am doing just what the men do," replied Bessie.

NIGHT GLOW LAMP.

This is the nicest lamp for the sick room, nursery, bedroom, dark corners, closets, or to burn all night, and is ornamental as well as useful—no smoke, no smell. It is a miniature gas-house, gasometer and gas burner combined. One filling of kerosene burns two hundred hours. Price 30 cents.

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The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Pever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Lips, Chills, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For Sale By KING & HUBBARD.

JOHN SHATTER, aged 86, Papa's oldest and one of her wealthiest residents, died of pneumonia.

Most people can not afford to experiment. They want immediate relief. That's why they use One Minute Cough Cure. C. H. Dawson

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For the first time in the history of the world a discovery is made that restores gray hair to its natural color without dye. Mrs. M. Vale, the most wonderful woman chemist and great scientist, has discovered. The Excelsior Hair Tonic is the remedy. Mrs. Vale has placed it on the market for the benefit of the public, and guarantees it will restore the natural color back to the hair, no matter how long it has been gray. The cure is permanent in every way. It will also stop falling hair from the scalp and creates a luxuriant growth. It is a guaranteed cure for every ailment of the hair or scalp. The whole world bows down to Mrs. M. Vale's discovery and to her great skill as a chemist, which has never been equaled by man or woman. The Excelsior Hair Tonic holds complete sway over the human hair. There are no ailments which the hair is heir to that it cannot cure. Beware of imitations. See that every bottle is labeled "Mme. M. Vale's Excelsior Hair Tonic." Guaranteed to Restore Gray Hair without Dye. Price 35c per bottle, 6 for \$2. Sold by all Druggists. Mail order promptly filled.

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H. M. Blossom, senior member of H. M. Blossom & Co., 217 N. 3d St., St. Louis, writes: "I had been left with a very distressing cough, the result of influenza, which nothing seemed to relieve until I took Bullard's Horsehold Syrup. One bottle completely cured me. I sent one bottle to my sister, who had a severe cough, and she experienced immediate relief. I always recommend this syrup to my friends."

John Cranston, 908 Hampshire street, Quincy, Ill., writes: "I have found Bullard's Horsehold Syrup superior to any other cough medicine I have ever known. It never disappoints. Price 50c. Sold by C. H. Dawson."

H. T. Bowman, at Springfield, asks for a divorce from his wife, Josephine Bowman. They were married in Delavan, November 26, 1892, and lived together until May 13, 1893, when the complainant says his wife deserted him. Her maiden name was Josephine Micherson.

A Household Treasure.
D. W. Fuller, of Consohahie, N. Y., says that he always keeps Dr. King's New Discovery in the house, and his family has always found the very best results follow its use; that he would not be without it, if procurable. G. A. Dykeman, druggist, Catskill, N. Y., says that Dr. King's New Discovery is undoubtedly the best Cough remedy; that he has used it in his family for eight years, and it never failed to do all that it claimed for it. Why not try a remedy so long tried and tested? Trial bottles free at King & Hubbard's drug store. Regular size 50c and \$1.00.

EDMOND BARN, of the Iroquois county Times, was assaulted last Monday by H. W. Brokaw, of Sheldon, who was offended by an article in the Times.

TAKE a dose of DeWitt's Little Early Rubbers just for the good they will do you. These little Pills are good for indigestion, good for headache, good for liver complaint, good for constipation. They are good. C. H. Dawson

The cranberry plant at Mowenaqua that originally cost \$5,000, was sold for \$500 to North Dakota purchasers.

You ought to know this: DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve will heal a burn and stop the pain instantly. It will cure badly chapped hands, ugly wounds, sores, and a well known cure for Piles. C. H. Dawson

Near Kandakee lightning struck Henry Maple's barn, burning it and a

Easter Flower Vases.

During this week we make a magnificent display of Flower Vases for Easter at exceptionally low prices.

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Our great assortment of high class stock patterns, has been increased by many new ones this spring. The latest and best decorations and the most artistic and beautiful shapes at prices no higher than are asked for wares inferior in style, selection and finish.

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MEN'S Fine Shoes



We have just received a big line of Hanan & Son's Men's Fine Shoes, in calf, Vici kid and kangaroo, in black and russet. We have them in all the desirable shapes and styles of toes, from the needle point to the natural last. The Manhattan toe is considered the newest and best thing out. This style and the needle point are those which will be most worn by gentlemen this year. We know these goods are all right as to style, thorough workmanship and first class material. We invite inspection and feel sure you will purchase.

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We are offering some of the greatest lines of SPRING CLOTHING ever shown to the trade this season.

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We show in our windows more popular price goods than ever. A look will compel you to stop and admire and purchase.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1895.

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

O. S. S.—Regular meeting of Decatur Chapter No. 111, Order Eastern Star, this Thursday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, in Masonic Temple. A full attendance is desired. Visiting members are cordially invited. Mrs. S. B. SHADE, W. M. S. J. STEELE, Sec.

O. O. F.—Regular meeting of Decatur Chapter No. 27, this Thursday evening, at 7:30 o'clock. All members of the degree shall be requested to be present. Work in the Patriarchal and Golden Rule degrees. Visiting patriarchs are cordially invited. J. L. DRAKE, C. P. H. J. YORAW, Scribe.

LOCAL NEWS.

WESTERN washer, \$2.00. ARCADE.
SMITH'S Columbia cylinder oils. dtf
CHILDREN'S laxative syrup at Irwin's.
SMOKE the old reliable K. & W. cigars. mar23-dtf
FOR headache use Irwin's Harmless Powders.
ICE CREAM for sale by the quart or gallon at Irwin's.
IRWIN'S Compound Sarsaparilla purifies the blood.
VACCINATE your children. Fresh vaccine points at Tyler's.
New tin department. ARCADE.
FINEST line of Easter millinery at Mrs. R. C. HANSHER'S, 121 North Water street.
Go to Henry Bros. bakery for all kinds of cakes, pies, etc. dec26-dtf
BICYCLES for rent and for sale. Dodd Co., 113 Merchant street. apr5-dtf
FRESH OYSTERS, dressed poultry, vegetables. PEARL OYSTER AND FISH CO.
50,000 rolls of paper at the lowest prices at Grass's wall paper and paint store. 3-d2w
HAVE your children vaccinated before they start to school. Fresh vaccine points at Tyler's.
Don't fail to see Mrs. R. C. HANSHER, 121 North Water street, before you select your Easter hat.
First tin cups, two for 5 cents—Arcade.
Six firstclass paper hangers at Grass's wall paper and paint store. Store open until 8 p. m. apr3-d2w
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As OSCAR Miss Miller has the finest assortment of Easter millinery in the city at lowest prices. 139 East Prairie street. apr9-d2

THE DECATUR AGENT FOR THE REMINGTON STANDARD TYPEWRITERS, all greatly improved, can be found at the Republican office.

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"Where can I find the latest design for my Easter hat?" That's easy. Go to Mrs. R. C. HANSHER, 121 North Water street.

USE WHITE LOAF FLOUR.

An Easter praise service will be held at St. Luke's Lutheran Chapel on Monday evening, April 15, at 7:45 p. m. All are welcome.

USE WHITE LOAF FLOUR.

Mrs. J. B. TAYLOR, 139 North Water street, invites the ladies of Decatur to inspect her elegant line of Easter millinery. All the new and elegant styles. April 8-d6

USE WHITE LOAF FLOUR.

The Easter designs in hats were never so pretty as they are this year. Mrs. R. C. HANSHER, 121 North Water street, will please you.

USE WHITE LOAF FLOUR.

Mrs. R. C. HANSHER, 121 North Water street, invites the ladies to call before Easter. She has a pleasant surprise in store.

USE WHITE LOAF FLOUR.

At the morning service Sunday next there will be communion and reception of members at the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

USE WHITE LOAF FLOUR.

Mr. BOYNTON, who is to personally superintend the erection of the James Millikin six-story building, arrived in the city to-day from Chicago.

USE WHITE LOAF FLOUR.

THERE will be preparatory services at the First English Lutheran church on Friday evening at 7:45 o'clock. All the members are requested to be present.

USE WHITE LOAF FLOUR.

Last night the Steson company gave the old favorite play, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," at the Grand last night, in the presence of a large audience. Everybody was pleased.

USE WHITE LOAF FLOUR.

A CHILDREN'S Easter service will be held at the English Lutheran church on Easter Sunday evening. All are invited to attend. A special service has been prepared.

USE WHITE LOAF FLOUR.

As baldness makes one look prematurely old, so a full head of hair gives to mature life the appearance of youth. To secure this and prevent the former, Ayer's Hair Vigor is confidently recommended. Both ladies and gentlemen prefer it to an other dressing.

USE WHITE LOAF FLOUR.

The alarm of fire this forenoon brought the entire department to Bradley Bros.' store, where outside a number of dry goods boxes were on fire. A boy had thrown a match among the rubbish. The danger was quickly averted.

USE WHITE LOAF FLOUR.

GEORGE SMITH'S store at Jefferson, Ia., was robbed of goods valued at \$500.

W. H. HUGHES AND BOB.

Hughes Says the Boodle Story is a Base Insinuation.

The accusation against Bob Ferguson in connection with the Hughes Pump purchase, caused Bob to send this telegram to W. H. Hughes to-day:

DECATUR, ILL., April 11.—W. H. Hughes, Cleveland, O.: The Herald-Dispatch of this city published this morning a fac simile of a draft, dated Anderson, Ind., Oct. 27, 1893, of \$200, payable to my order and assumes that it was paid as boodle in purchase of the Hughes pump. Give explicit answer at once by telegraph at my expense.
BOB FERGUSON.

THE REPLY.

The answer came this afternoon. Below is a copy of the message:

CLEVELAND, O., April 11, 1895.
Bob Ferguson, Decatur, Ill.: Your telegram of 11th regarding draft received for boodle. It is a base insinuation without the shadow of truth. Any business I had with anyone in Decatur will stand the closest investigation.
W. H. HUGHES.

COLORED VOTERS.

Hold a Meeting—Their Guests—Who Made Speeches.

There was a meeting of colored voters in a hall on North Park street last night. Some thirty or forty were present. The entrance to the room had over it an American flag, and the room had been decorated for the occasion with pictures, among which were the portraits of Fred Douglass, Abraham Lincoln and other distinguished Republicans. The guests who were present at the opening of the meeting were D. H. Conklin, Republican candidate for mayor, Hugh Crea, D. R. Alexander, Harry Moore, Sheriff Nicholson and W. F. Calhoun. The meeting was called to order by Peter Mitchell, and Wilson Woodford was elected chairman and Wayne Wilkinson was made secretary. The object of the meeting was stated to be largely fraternal and that candidates and other men from all parties had been invited to be present and to talk politics in an informal way. Addresses were made by D. H. Conklin, Hugh Crea and W. F. Calhoun.

About the time these gentlemen had finished a delegation representing the Municipal third party came in. They were W. H. Starr, J. F. Reed, Charles E. Schroll, H. P. Page, W. W. Linn and John Ulrich. Of that number W. H. Starr, C. E. Schroll, H. P. Page and W. W. Linn made speeches. Joseph Damsby and Robert Rogan also spoke. They both spoke as reformers.

A resolution was then presented, evidently intended to be in the interest of the third party, which was promptly tabled on the ground that it had been plainly stated that there was no purpose in the call for the meeting to commit those present to anything.

Mr. Page in his speech undertook to show the necessity for non partisan city administration, and in the course of his remarks stated that under Mayor Kanan's administration gambling was as open and the liquor laws as frequently violated as under subsequent administrations. It did not occur to Mr. Page that Mr. Kanan was not a partisan mayor. He was elected on the kind of a ticket that Mr. Page is advocating, and his statement is correct. It simply shows the fallacy of the Municipal club scheme. The first mayor elected by a party was W. B. Chambers, in 1891, and then followed Mayor Moffitt. Mr. Page also dwelt upon civil service, and told how inconsistent it was to appoint men to positions of trust for work done for a party, and yet, as important as this seems to be to Mr. Page, and as devoted as the Municipal club seems to be to municipal civil service reform, Mr. Page and all of them failed to take steps to have the law adopted for Decatur at the coming election. All this shows the hollowness of their pretensions.

The speeches of both Mr. Schroll and Mr. Page were principally against Republicans, while at the same time they claim to be loyal Republicans. But it is the misfortune of all third party people that they drop into attacking the Republicans.

Died This Morning.

Little Miss Cora Gillim died this morning at 5 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. August Molno, 1034 North Morgan street, aged 3 years, 4 months and 9 days. Death was due to consumption of the brain. The funeral will take place to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock from the residence. The remains will be taken to Mattoon for burial.

An Important Notice.

The committee in charge of the arrangements for the German Baptists are now ready to receive communications from those who will receive lodgers during the meeting. All communications should be addressed to S. W. Johns at 142 East Prairie street.

In the Circuit Clerk's Office to-day.

Frances K. Armstrong through her attorney, J. M. Gray, filed a bill for a divorce from her husband, Henry B. Armstrong, alleging drunkenness and extreme and repeated cruelty. There are no children. They were married September 7, 1890, at Charleston, Ill.

The Municipal Third Party has abandoned its battle cry, "public gambling," and has turned its batteries upon an ex-non-partisan alderman of the Fifth ward who defeated the Republican candidate, Mr. Keas, in 1892.

USE WHITE LOAF FLOUR

A STATEMENT

Submitted to the Public by Ex-Ald. Bob Ferguson.

Label Suit Started by Mr. Ferguson Against All His Accusers.

TO THE EDITOR: I am compelled, in self defense, to ask a portion of your space to-day. Some persons, claiming to be officers of the Municipal club, have caused to be published in the daily papers of this morning, an article, the effect and intention of which is to accuse me of having prostituted the office of alderman of this city, and of having corruptly received two hundred dollars for some alleged influence, or vote in the city council in reference to the purchase of a pump.

The inference intended to be drawn from the article is a lie, pure and simple. I never received from anybody, directly or indirectly, one cent, or the promise of a cent, for any vote which I cast as alderman in reference to the purchase of this pump.

The facts are, that in 1892 the City of Decatur invited proposals for the furnishing and erection of a pump. Several parties competed and made bids, and the committee on water and light recommended that the Ellis pump be purchased. This recommendation was adopted by the city council, as I recollect, by a unanimous vote, but owing to some irregularity in the proceedings the mayor refused his sanction to the proposal and the action of the council, and other bids were invited by advertisement.

The persons manufacturing the Hughes pump, with several others, submitted bids. These bids were referred to the committee on water and light in December, 1892. On Dec. 28, the committee on water and light recommended the purchase and erection of the Hughes pump. I was not then a member of that committee. On Jan. 3, 1893, the city council, by a unanimous vote, adopted the recommendation of the committee, and ordered the mayor and city clerk to enter into a contract with the Hughes Pump company for the purchase. The contract was made and dated Jan. 4, 1893, the purchase price being \$5,000, to be paid when the pump was in position and pronounced satisfactory. My recollection is, that I voted to sustain the recommendation of the committee. The pump was erected, and accepted by the city council in October, 1893.

I was not on the committee which purchased the pump in 1892, but was upon the committee in 1893 when it was finally ordered that the pump should be paid for.

While Mr. W. H. Hughes was here attending to the acceptance of the pump and receiving pay for the same, I proposed to him that he should take out a life insurance, and after some conversation, on the 14th of October, 1893, Mr. Hughes signed an application, made out upon one of the company's blanks, to the Phoenix Life Insurance company for a twenty-year endowment policy. Thinking that he was not in good health, Mr. Hughes resolved, before submitting to examination by one of the company's physicians, to consult first his own physician in Cleveland, Ohio. It was arranged between Mr. Hughes and myself that the premium, or a part of the premium on this life insurance, should be paid at the time of the taking of the application. Mr. Hughes went away from Decatur without seeing me; and on the 30th day of October he mailed to me a draft for two hundred dollars, accompanied by a letter, which I now have in my possession, in which he said that he was desirous not to be refused in an application for life insurance, and before submitting to examination he would consult his own physician, in Cleveland, Ohio.

That draft I received, and had cashed, and is the same draft, a fac simile of which is published in the Herald to-day. Mr. Hughes sent it to me. He was then connected with the Hughes Pump company, and there need not have been any effort, by secret inquiry, to have ascertained not only the fact that the draft was sent and received and cashed by me, but the fact that Mr. Hughes was connected with and a member of the Hughes Pump company.

Afterwards, on November 9th, 1893, I received a letter from Mr. Hughes, which I now have in my possession, saying that he had consulted his physician in Cleveland, and that his physician had advised him that he was not in condition to pass an examination for life insurance, and that he had better wait until his disorders had passed away, and asking me to return the two hundred dollars which I had received. Shortly after this I received a letter from Mr. Hughes advising me that he would be in Chicago at a certain time, and advising me to meet him there at a hotel. Having some other business at Chicago, I went there, met Mr. Hughes, and paid him back the two hundred dollars which I had received from him, and took his receipt for the same, which is dated December 18, 1893, and received from him the application which he had made out and signed when here. This application and receipt I have also in my possession.

I was never elected to the city council as a Republican. I am a member of the Republican party, and in the ward in which I live had always, with one exception, ran as an independent candidate, and when elected had been elected as an independent candidate. The Republican party, as an organization, has neither directly nor indirectly had anything to do with my position as alderman in the city council. I have never been elected to office as a partisan and could not be elected in the ward in which I live.

There never was any opposition or question in the city council about the propriety of purchasing the Hughes

pump. I am informed that the committee on water and light, which recommended the purchase of the pump, was unanimous, and I believe that the vote accepting the recommendation of the committee was unanimous. There was no occasion for the Hughes Pump company to expend one cent in procuring a contract for the purchase of their pump. I never, directly, nor indirectly, intimated to Mr. Hughes that his application for life insurance would aid in securing either the purchase or acceptance of his pump. The pump, as I am informed and believe, has always been and is now satisfactory. There was no opposition to the acceptance of the pump.

Nothing that Mr. Hughes ever did or said in any way influenced me, nor did I, by any or the slightest intimation, directly or indirectly, make known my desires to be compensated for my influence in securing the purchase of the pump. There was not the slightest occasion for the Hughes Pump company or any one else to use any influence or money in securing the acceptance of the pump. The whole attack is made upon me to make me the scapegoat of the Republican party.

While it is true that I did receive and cash this draft, and return the money to Mr. Hughes after he had been advised that he could not pass the examination for life insurance, it is not true, as it tended to be inferred, that this was in any way, directly or indirectly, an improper influence brought to bear upon me to secure the action either of myself or the city council either in the contract for, or the purchase of, the pump.

I shall bring suit against the various people concerned in the utterance of the lie at the earliest possible moment, as soon as my preparations can be made by Mr. Johns, who is my attorney.

Yours, Respectfully,

R. W. FERGUSON.

If there is anything calculated to make every Republican put on his armor for battle, it is the events of this morning. The assault upon Bob Ferguson was meant to injure the party in a matter with which it has no connection. The fact that the assault upon Ferguson appeared in the organ of the Municipal club and the Decatur Review simultaneously, shows that the leaders of the Municipal club have formed a conspiracy to defeat the Republican party. This accounts for the frequent conferences between the leaders of the Municipal party and the Democratic party which have been served so frequently on the streets and in offices during the past week or two. Give the outfit the cold steel by rolling up the biggest Republican majority ever cast in this city.

An examination of lieutenants in the Fifth infantry, I. N. G., was held Tuesday evening at the regimental headquarters in the Leland hotel at Springfield by a board of examiners composed of Colonel Frank P. Wells of Decatur and Major J. C. Cabanis and Captain W. S. Campbell of Springfield. The officers examined were Lieutenant Frank C. McElvain, of Company G, Lincoln; McDonald, of Company I, Jacksonville; and O'Brien, of Company C, Springfield. Any lieutenant failing to pass these examinations will have his commission revoked. A similar examination will be held in Decatur next Tuesday at the Guards' armory.

Killed Climbing in a Window.

PANA, ILL., April 10.—Edward A. Hirt, aged 10, was killed last night by a falling window sash. Mrs. Hirt and her five children were spending the evening with a family across the street, when at the close of the evening Edward was sent home to unlock the doors from the inside of the house, which he always did by climbing in the window. Mrs. Hirt and the other children soon followed and found the dead body of the little boy suspended from the window by his head. His neck had been broken by the fall of the window as he was climbing in.

Praises in Song.

The Presbyterian church choir, assisted by special soloists and a large supplemental chorus, will render a fine Easter praise program in the Presbyterian church Sunday evening.

Have You Beds to Rent?

Next Monday two gentlemen will make a house-to-house canvass of the city in the interest of the German Baptist national camp-meeting to be held at Oakland Park in May and June. The gentlemen will ask these questions: How many people can you furnish sleeping accommodations without discommoding yourself? How many can you furnish beds in case you are crowded? There will be a large number of visitors in Decatur, and many of them will have to be accommodated at night in the homes of our people. They will pay 25 cents a night for each person, and if it is agreeable possibly they will take breakfast where they sleep. Get ready to tell the committee what you will be able to do. april8-d1w

PERIN Times—There will be a big acreage planted in the drainage district this spring. The timber is being rapidly cleared away and the fellows over there are getting things in shape to make that district blossom as the rose.

HENRY WAT, of Gibson, has received an appointment to a cadetship at West Point.

KING O-CAR, of Sweden, will under take a tour through France this spring.

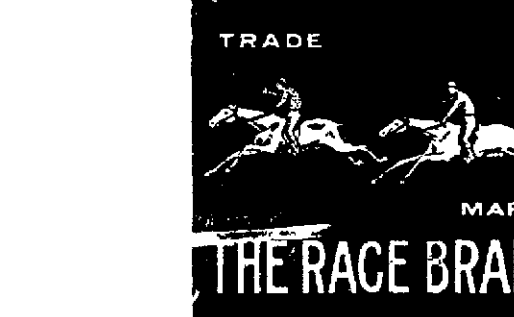
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